

**City of Fayetteville**  
**Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 5, 2015**

**Call to Order**

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Clifton called the meeting to order, followed by Opening Prayer and led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Mickey Edwards, Edward Johnson, Scott Stacy and James Williams. Councilmember Paul Oddo was absent. Staff members present were City Manager Ray Gibson and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Stacy moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of January 15, 2015. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition and Presentations:**

Mayor Clifton called Chief Scott Pitts to discuss the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. The academy will take place Tuesday nights from 7:00pm-9:00pm starting March 10, 2015 and ending May 19, 2015. Applications are being accepted until February 15, 2015. This is an annual event held at the police department and is very well attended each year.

**Public Hearings:**

Mayor Clifton called Consider Ordinance #0-22-14 – Rezone Property at Cobblestone Blvd. from C-3 (Highway Commercial) to RMF-15 (Multi-Family Residential) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated we have a request to table this item until the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 City Council meeting. He added staff is not opposed to this request.

Ray Gibson, City Manager also noted the applicant (Mesa Partners) has filed their Constitutional Objection for this rezoning.

Johnson moved to table Ordinance #0-22-14 – Rezone Property at Cobblestone Blvd. from C-3 (Highway Commercial) to RMF-15 (Multi-Family Residential) until the March 5, 2015 Council meeting. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Ordinance #0-2-15 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Mike Bush, Director of Finance & Administration gave an overview of the FY 2015 proposed budget amendment. This includes Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, Vehicle Rental Excise Fund, Main Street Tourism Fund, and the Downtown Development Authority budgets.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	
General Fund	\$ 10,313,182	\$ 10,667,935	
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 7,361,774	\$ 7,396,819	
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 176,000	\$ 225,000	
Vehicle Rental Excise Tax Fund	\$ 76,000	\$ 121,000	
Main Street Tourism Fund	\$ 506,620	\$ 555,620	
Downtown Development Authority	\$ 491,535	\$ 536,535	
	\$ 18,925,111	\$ 19,502,909	
		\$ 577,798	

There were no public comments.

Stacy moved to approve Ordinance #0-2-15 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Mayor Clifton called Consider Resolution R-4-15 – Tax Allocation District (TAD) study proposal for a portion of the West Fayetteville Area.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development explained, over the last few years the City has seen the growth of the West Fayetteville Area including the development of Pinewood Atlanta Studios. The main issue with future development of the area is the lack of necessary infrastructure (water, sewer, multi-use trails). As a result of these deficiencies and the City's inability to fund such

projects to promote economic development initiatives, staff is recommending that a TAD study, similar to the one in 2012, be undertaken to for the West Fayetteville Area.

Staff recommends that the City accept the attached proposal from Bleakly Advisory Group in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 for the following reasons:

1. As a key consultant from the original LCI update and the Fayetteville Highway Corridor Redevelopment Plan, this is essentially an extension of the scope of services from those studies.
2. TAD's are a highly specialized financial instrument, and Bleakly Advisory Group is one of the only companies with an extensive history of successfully implementing TAD's in other Georgia cities.

Ken Bleakley with Bleakley Advisory Group discussed the proposal:

The proposed study would include the following parts:

1. Preliminary TAD Feasibility Analysis
2. Creation of the TAD Redevelopment Plan
3. Assistance in Negotiations with the City, Fayette County, and Fayette County Schools

Johnson moved to approve Resolution R-4-15 – Tax Allocation District (TAD) study proposal for a portion of the West Fayetteville Area. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Resolution R-6-15 – Hood Ave. Connector/Hwy. 92 Project (Abandonment of Remnant and Agreement – Kelly Remnant).

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated the City of Fayetteville has determined development of this project requires the City to acquire fee simple title to the Davis parcel within the “Kelly Remnant” and one temporary construction easement within the same.

The remnant is so small as to be incapable of being used independently as zoned, under subdivision standards or used as a street, therefore the City and owner agree to exchange properties and certain mitigation by the City.

Resolution R-6-15, if approved will allow the City Attorney to move forward and finalize the necessary agreements.

Stacy moved to approve Resolution R-6-15 – Hood Ave. Connector/Hwy. 92 Project (Abandonment of Remnant and Agreement – Kelly Remnant). Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **City Manager and Staff Reports:**

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated there will be a Black History Month event to be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson will be spearheading that event.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson said the key note speaker will be former Olympian, Mr. Ralph Boston, who lives in Fayette County.

Councilman Stacy added the benediction will be given by Al Meade who is also an Olympian from the 1996 Atlanta Para-Olympics.

Mr. Gibson reminded Council that the Council Retreat is on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Old Courthouse.

### **City Council and Committee Reports:**

Councilmember Stacy added that Councilmember Paul Oddo is recovering well from his surgery.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson recognized Mr. and Mrs. Grill's appreciation of the action that Council and City Staff took for working to resolve the noise abatement problem in the Lakeside Subdivision.

### **Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Clifton positively commented on Mr. Dingler, a local businessman that has launched a Facebook page called "Experience Coweta/Fayette/Spalding" which highlights and promotes events and businesses within the three counties.

Mayor Clifton mentioned a new business called New View, an organic juice bar located in Togwatee Village.

He said we will be having a meeting tomorrow with Southern Conservation Trust for the proposed Water Trail, hopefully to open in the summer.

He also said he attended, along with members of our police department, a movie sponsored by GMA and Metro Atlanta Mayor's Association (MAMA) with After Eden production, called Eight Days which brings awareness to sex trafficking in our state and county.

Chief Pitts also mentioned the severity of sex trafficking and how important education is in the schools to bring awareness of the dangers and focus on prevention of sex trafficking.

Mayor Clifton discussed HB 170, the Transportation Bill which will take gasoline sales tax and convert it to excise tax. He said we need to contact our legislators about the severity of this bill as it stands now.

He also mentioned the Craft Breweries legislation that is being discussed now, and he asked for Council to contact their legislators on this issue as well.

Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Barksdale, City Clerk